(c) Does not arise.

Deaths caused by epidemics

983. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any priority has been accorded by Government to prevent deaths caused by epidemics and afflictions like plague, malaria and dengue;

(b) whether there is any overall strategy to study and tackle such serious health hazards;

(c) if so, when was the strategy developed; and

(d) the details of funds allocated to implement this nation-wide, anti-mass casualties and affliction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A National Apical Advisory Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Union Health Secretary to formulate a nation-wise disease surveillance network. The action points envisaged under the disease surveillance scheme are collection and flow of information, strengthening of laboratory diagnostic sevices, networking of centres and continuous monitoring of disease prevalence.

(c) The strategy for establishing a national disease surveillance system was initiated in 1994-95.

(d) Rs.3.00 crore have been allocated for disease surveillance during 1997-98.

Per captia Expenditure on Medicines in rural areas

984. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita amount spent on medicines in rural areas during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to raise the limit of expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) The Centre does not maintain the record of per capita expenditure on medicines. However, as per the information available from the Central Statistical Organisation, a statement showing Government expenditure on public health and also the per capita expenditure on health, and also the per capita expenditure on health, State/UT-wise is at Annexure [*See* Appendix 181, Annexure No. 29]. This does not include the expenditure on Public Health by local authorities. The State-wise allocation of grant-in-aid under Family Welfare Programme is at Annexure. [*See* Appendix 181, Annexure No. 29]

Efforts are being made to provide more funds, in the 9th Five Year Plan.

T.B. Patients in the Country

985. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the State-wise number of people suffering from T.B. in the rural as well as urban areas in the country, during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): It is estimated that about 14 million people are suffering from tuberculosis in the country. The ratio of TB cases to population both in urban and rural areas is almost same. A statement indicating number of new TB cases reported during the last 3 years, State-wise is annexured (*See* below).

Statement

The States & Union Territory-wise number of new TB cases reported during the year 1994-95 to 1996-97

Sl.No	Name of the State / Union Territory	1994-95 No. of cases Reported	1995-96 No. of cases Reported	1996-97 No. of Cases Reported
1.	Andhra Pradesh	68.11	65999	65680
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3567	3,296	2,880
3.	Assam	14,963	15,757	20,108
4.	Bihar	64,294	113,409	112,710
5.	Goa	3,245	3,432	2,974
6.	Gujarat	151,572	157,074	116,158
7.	Haryana		21,751	35,267
8.	Himachal Pradesh	12,756	16,079	12,084
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	14,203	7,302	11.014
10.	Karnataka	68,713	67,311	71,776
11.	Kerala	27,340	27,972	36,829
12.	Madhya Pradesh	76,942	72,803	90,858
13.	Maharashtra	134,893	204,569	190,630
14.	Manipur	4,995	3,959	6,645
15.	Meghalaya	2,115	2,614	4,618
16.	Mizoram	910	1,067	1,223
17.	Nagaland	1,348	1,192	1,350
18.	Orissa	29,873	29,871	40,650
19.	Punjab	37,576	42,341	48,260
20.	Rajasthan	36,284	36,228	69,344
21.	Sikkim	1,255	2,220	2,800
22.	Tamil Nadu	102,935	98,665	104,823
23.	Tripura	2,067	2,107	2,523
24.	Uttar Pradesh	268,862	265,079	279,789
25.	West Bengal	74,921	67,817	74,352
26.	Pondicherry	4553	3,311	3,401
27.	A & N Islands	472	1,954	635
28.	Chandigarh	1746	1,383	1,711
29.	D & N Haveli	209	725	300
30.	Delhi	37534	51,603	42,951
31.	Lakshadweep	154	194	160
32.	Daman & Diu	731	611	244
	Total	1,249,139	1,389,695	1454952*

*Provisional

P. Falciparum Malaria deaths in Gujarat and other peninsular states

986. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that cases of P. Falciparum malaria and deaths due to malaria are rapidly increasing amongst the tribals inhabiting Gujarat and other peninsular States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise, stating the number of malaria cases reported and the deaths